A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

STABLE AND INDEPENDENT FUNDING FOR THE NC CENTER FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS AND THE OPERATION OF NC ONEMAP

The General Assembly enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143-728 reads as rewritten:

§ 143-728. Reserved for future codification purposes. The NC Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Reserve Account is established as a special reserve account, which shall be nonreverting, in the Office of State Management and Budget. The NC GIS Reserve Account shall be used (i) to fund the Center for Geographic Information and Analysis (CGIA) in its legislatively mandated duties under G.S. 143-725(b); (ii) to fund acquiring and managing, at the lowest cost, data layers useful to multiple State and local organizations, according to the priorities set by the North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating Council; and, (iii) to fund the development, operation, and maintenance of NC OneMap, the statewide GIS data clearinghouse and warehouse and provider of Internet access to State geographic information. The NC GIS Reserve Account may receive private grants and gifts and may include State, federal, local, and matching funds. Any funds received for CGIA duties or other GIS purposes remaining in the Information Technology Fund shall be transferred to the NC GIS Reserve Account at the time of its establishment.

SECTION 2. G.S. 105-228.30 reads as rewritten:

- § 105-228.30. Imposition of excise tax; distribution of proceeds.
- (b) The register of deeds of each county must remit the proceeds of the tax levied by this section to the county finance officer. The finance officer of each county must credit one-half of the proceeds to the county's general fund and remit the remaining one-half of the proceeds, less the county's allowance for administrative expenses, to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis. A county may retain two percent (2%) of the amount of tax proceeds allocated for remittance to the Department of Revenue as compensation for the county's cost in collecting and remitting the State's share of the tax. Of the funds remitted to it pursuant to this section, the Department of Revenue must credit two percent and one half (2.5%) to the NC Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Reserve Account established under G.S. 143-728, seventy-five percent (75%) seventy-three and one eighth percent (73.125%) to the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund established under G.S. 113-44.15 and twenty-five percent (25%) twenty-four and three eighth percent (24.375%) to the Natural Heritage Trust Fund established under G.S. 113-77.7. (1967, c. 986, s. 1; 1991, c. 689, s. 338; 1991 (Reg. Sess., 1992), c. 1019, s. 1; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 772, s. 2; 1995, c. 456, s. 3; 1999-28, s. 1; 2000-16, s. 1; 2001-427, s. 14(a).)

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective March 1, 2013, and applies to the distribution of proceeds from the excise tax on conveyances on or after that date.